

outstanding institution that greatly promotes education. In just 20 years, the foundation's assets grew by over \$45 million and created some of the most notable foundations and buildings in the area. The expansion of the Chautauqua Center in DeFuniak Springs was one of the first projects undertaken by the organization. Its success was followed by the construction of the Robert L. F. Sikes Center in Crestview, Florida, and the South Walton Center in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. The foundation also launched the Arts Center Endowment Campaign and, when the college's focus shifted to health programs, the foundation began the Nursing and Health Technology Campaign.

For many years to come, the Northwest Florida community will continue to benefit from the lasting impression made by Mr. Chitwood. His inspiring involvement in the community and dedication to expanding education has provided infinite opportunities to the surrounding area. Though retirement will signal the end of Mr. Chitwood's formal career with the Northwest Florida State College, it is merely the beginning of the lasting legacy that he leaves behind.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize James P. Chitwood upon his retirement and for his exemplary service in the First District of Florida.

HONORING MARK LEHN BALDWIN III

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mark Lehn Baldwin III of Kansas City, Missouri. Mark is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1314, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Mark has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Mark has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Mark Lehn Baldwin III for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING 1998 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO, SOFTBALL TEAM MEMBERS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman COSTA to congratulate the 1998 California State University, Fresno, Softball Team upon its induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. The team members and coaches will be honored at the

50th anniversary enshrinement dinner of the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

On a hot day in late May 1998, second baseman Nina Lindenberg sent the first pitch in the bottom of the sixth inning over the left-field fence and the Lady Bulldogs into history. The home run off Arizona ace, Nancy Evans, was Lindenberg's 13th of the season, gave the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead in the championship game at Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Women's College Softball World Series Most Valuable Player, Amanda Scott, then polished off a three-hit shutout, and the Wildcats, as California State University, Fresno, claimed its first NCAA Division I team championship in any sport.

The 1-0 victory capped a magical season for Head Coach Margie Wright's Bulldogs, who started the season with a 2-2 record and finished with 52 wins 11 losses. The season was highlighted by 4 wins and 1 loss in the Women's College World Series (WCWS) with victories over Nebraska, Michigan, Washington and top-ranked Arizona. The national title was a united effort as four Bulldogs made the All-Women's College World Series team: outfielder Laura Berg, first baseman Angela Cervantez, Nina Lindenberg and Amanda Scott. The Bulldogs captivated all of the San Joaquin Valley as their games were aired on local radio and ESPN. Seeded seventh in the field, they arrived in Oklahoma City determined to win the title for a school that had finished second in the WCWS four times.

The team was led throughout the year by a pitching staff that included Amanda Scott (25-4, 0.79 ERA) and Lindsay Parker (21-4, 1.54 ERA) and a balanced hitting attack keyed by Laura Berg (.458 batting average, 72 runs), Nina Lindenberg (.449, 77 RBI), outfielder Becky Witt (.392, 69 runs) and Amanda Scott (14 home runs, 72 RBI). The team included: OF Laura Berg, 1B Angela Cervantez, 2B Nina Lindenberg, Lindsay Parker, P Amanda Scott, Becky Witt, OF Candice Bowlin, OF Kara Campbell, SS Alicia Dowland, C/1B Jennifer Jokinen, 3B Jaime Maxey, P Kim Peck, C Jennifer Slaney, C Janna Todd, 1B Vanessa Valenzuela, C Amber Wall, C Carolyn Wilson, OF Daviana Wisener. The coaching staff was headed by Margie Wright, assisted by Margaret Sutter and Mary Ivy. Also involved with the team was Maribel Campos, manager, and Andrew Weeks, trainer.

Madam Speaker, we rise today to commend and congratulate 1998 California State University, Fresno, Softball Team upon its achievements and induction into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing the 1998 Fresno State Softball Team congratulations on its many accomplishments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009:

Requesting Member: The Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI.

Bill Number: H.R. 2638—The Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2009.

Account: Army Operations & Maintenance, Operating Forces 115 Land Forces, Operations Support Account.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Deere & Company—World Headquarters.

Address of Requesting Entity: One John Deere Place, Moline, IL 61265.

Description of Request: Provide \$3,200,000 to complete the manufacturing of approximately 215 Light-weight Tactical Utility Vehicles at John Deere Horicon Works in Horicon, Wisconsin. (Joint request with Representative MIKE MCINTYRE of North Carolina.) The Light-weight Tactical Utility Vehicle is a rugged, air droppable, highly mobile diesel-powered tactical utility vehicle to expedite casualty evacuation and resupply activities of Corps units. They have been heavily utilized during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. This request is consistent with the intended purpose of the Department of Defense, Army Operations and Maintenance account.

IN HONOR OF THOMAS V. FUENTES

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Thomas V. Fuentes, who is retiring after 25 years of service in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Throughout his career with the FBI he has served his country with honor and integrity.

Mr. Fuentes began his distinguished career with the Bureau in 1979 as a Special Agent in the Chicago Field Office. Serving in this office for over 10 years, Mr. Fuentes led the fight against organized crime and mob corruption. As an Organized Crime Task Force supervisor, his efforts were instrumental in bringing countless Chicago criminals to justice. I had the privilege of serving with Mr. Fuentes in the Chicago Field Office and witnessed firsthand his tremendous skill and dedication.

Mr. Fuentes was promoted to FBI Headquarters in 1990 as a supervisor in the Organized Crime Section. As a result of his continued success against organized crime targets, Mr. Fuentes was eventually appointed as the assistant special agent in charge of the San Francisco Field Office. There he established the International Cybercrime Squad and was selected to serve as an FBI tactical commander at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

In August 1997, Mr. Fuentes was promoted to the Senior Executive Service as the chief of the Organized Crime Section at FBI Headquarters. Among his many ground-breaking law enforcement initiatives, Mr. Fuentes created the Organized Crime Task Force consisting of FBI Agents and Hungarian National Police Officers in Budapest, Hungary—the first such multinational organized crime task force of its kind in the FBI.

Mr. Fuentes' extraordinary career with the FBI has been marked by his transformational